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SUBJ: PM WILLIAMS REPORTS ON HIS MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT MADE BY PRIME
MINISTER DR. ERIC WILLIAMS TO PARLIAMENT ON
MARCH 7, DURING HIS REPORT ABOUT HIS SIX WEEK LONG
TRIP TO U.S., JAPAN, CHINA, INDONESIA AND HONG KONG:

2. QUOTE, DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT FORD. ON ARRIVAL
IN SAN FRANCISCO ON FEBRUARY 16, THE PRIME MINISTER
RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO VISIT
HIM AT THE WHITE HOUSE IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON OF
FEBRUARY 21. THE PRIME MINISTER ACCEPTED THE INVITA-
TION, BUT FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO READJUST HIS SCHEDULED
PROGRAMME TO ACCOMMODATE ALSO AN INVITATION FROM
SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TO LUNCH AT THE STATE
DEPARTMENT ON THE SAME DAY. THANKS TO THE COURTESY
OF ONE OF THE OIL COMPANIES, A PRIVATE PLANE WAS PUT
AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO FLEW FROM
HOUSTON, TEXAS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE
AND THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.

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3. THE DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND THE SECRETARY

OF STATE, HELD IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF GREAT CORDIALITY,
COVERED SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL ISSUES SEPARATING THE
DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - THE INVESTMENT
OF PETRODOLLARS, THE PRICE OF OIL IN RELATION TO THE
PRICE OF OTHER BASIC COMMODITIES, THE UNITED STATES
TRADE BILL AND RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA. END QUOTE.

4. COMMENT: THIS REINFORCES OUR IMPRESSION REPORTED
REFTEL OF FAVORABLE IMPACT UPON PM AND GOTT LEFT BY
THE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AND THE PRESIDENT.
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